

REMARKS

The present letter and amendment are in response to a final office action dated January 12, 2006 for the above identified application. Claims 1-36 are currently pending. In the present Office Action claims 1 and 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over 5 U.S. Patent No. 6,057,909 (US909) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,157,409 (US 409). Claims 2-4 are rejected are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,057,909 (US909) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,157,409 (US 409) and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,5697,111 (US111).

Claims 5-26 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim and notes 10 that the claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of the base and intervening claims.

In the present amendment the claim set is amended to adopt the Examiner's suggestion and claim 1 is amended to incorporate limitations of claims 5 and 2. Claims 2 and 5 are cancelled and claims 3, 4, 6, 11, 23 and 25 are amended to adapt their respective dependencies 15 to cancellation of claims 2 and 5 and changes made to claim 1. Claims 12 and 20 are amended to correct for lack of proper antecedent reference. Claim 26 is amended to correct a clerical error.

Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for allowance and respectfully await same.

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